

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Washington, D. C.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE FACULTY SENATE HELD ON
JANUARY 16, 1987
IN LISNER HALL, ROOM 603

1 The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m., by President Elliott.

Present: President Elliott, Parliamentarian Steinhardt Birnbaum, Clark, Deering, Eldridge, Elgart, Griffith, Hill, Kenney, Levy, Malone, Morgan, Paratore, Pierpont, Rashid, Robinson, Schiff, Schiller, Simons, A. Smith, G. Smith, Tolchin Wallace, Ziolkowski, and Zubrow

Absent: Vice President French, Registrar Gaglione, Barron, Berkovich, East, Fox, Garris, Kelly, Liebowitz, Loeser, Lovett, and Solomon

2 The minutes of the regular meeting of December 12, 1986, were approved as distributed.

3 (a) On behalf of the Committee on University and Urban Affairs, Professor Wallace, Chair, moved the adoption of Resolution 86/5, "A Resolution to Establish a Regular Updated Publication of Commitments," and the motion was seconded. Professor Wallace said that the basic question asked of this Committee is: "What does GW do for the community?" In order to answer that question, the Committee conducted a survey of departments and other units of the University. The answer to that question is now found in this publication which describes the many services that GW offers to the metropolitan area. She noted that the estimated cost of publication, according to the Office of News and Public Affairs, would be approximately \$15,000. Professor Wallace then asked the privilege of the floor for Vice President Diehl who spoke in favor of the resolution. Mr. Diehl said that when the University asks the District for help, for example on revenue bonds, one of the criteria is that a public purpose must be demonstrated. He said that this document serves to demonstrate the public purpose by providing a very good survey of the deep involvement of the University with the community. He urged the adoption of this resolution and recommended its publication at least every two years. The question was called, and Resolution 86/5 was adopted. (Resolution 86/5 is attached)

(b) On behalf of the Committee on Educational and Admissions Policy, Professor Levy, Chair, moved the adoption of Resolution 86/6, "A Resolution Regarding Retention of Graded Exams and Papers not Returned to Students," and the motion was seconded. Professor Levy said that the resolution leaves to the departments the mechanism for retaining these exams and materials. A discussion followed by Professors Tolchin, Levy, Schiller, Hill, Deering, and Griffith. Professor Pierpont suggested changing the word "these" to "their" before the word "examinations" in the second paragraph so that the same would read: "Students shall have access to their examinations" Professor Levy accepted Professor Pierpont's suggestion as a correction. The question was called and Resolution 86/6, as corrected, was adopted. (Resolution 86/6 is attached.)

(c) On behalf of the Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom Committee, Professor Hill, Chair, moved the adoption of Resolution 86/7, "A Resolution to Recommend Amendment of the Faculty Code Provisions Relating to the Removal of Tenure," and the motion was seconded. Professor Hill spoke to the resolution explaining that the Committee's recommendation to delete "objectivity" in Section V.C.1.b) did not imply disapproval of objectivity. The Committee thought that it was much more difficult to define "objectivity" than "integrity."

Professor Griffith said that he was not opposed to taking out the word "objectivity," but he thought that the language "lack of scholarly integrity" was incomplete. He moved to amend the resolution to read: "serious lack of professional integrity," and the motion was seconded. A discussion followed by Professors Levy, Griffith, Tolchin, Robinson, Pierpont, Morgan, and Schiller. The question was called on the Griffith amendment and the motion was lost.

Professor Morgan moved to recommit the resolution to the Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom Committee with instructions to consider the issues raised today and to bring the resolution back for reconsideration at its March, 1987 meeting. The motion was seconded. The question was called and the motion to recommit was adopted. (Resolution 86/7 is attached.)

Professor Griffith said that he hoped the Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom Committee

would preserve the intent of his amendment by leaving in the Faculty Code the notion of "professional" integrity as opposed to "scholarly" integrity. Professor Hill said that he would ask his Committee to consider the recommendations proposed by Professor Griffith and any others offered during the debate today.

4 No resolutions were introduced under Introduction of Resolutions.

5 Professor Yezer presented a report from the Council on Coordinated Planning. (Report is attached.)

6 (a) On behalf of the Executive Committee, Professor Griffith moved the nomination of the following faculty for election to the Special Committee on Mandatory Retirement: Primary Members - Professors Kirsch (Chair), Altman, Goldfarb, Rashid, Newman, Kurtz, Perlin, and Block; Alternate Members - Professors Smythe, Butler, Boulier, Hoare, Hilmy, Akman, and Hoptman. No nominations were made from the floor. The entire slate was elected.

(b) On behalf of the Executive Committee, Professor Griffith reported on the following items: (1) noted that the confirmation of the eight nominees for the Faculty Consultative Committee will be an item of business at the January 29th Faculty Assembly; (2) reported a good turnout of new faculty members at the Orientation Breakfast sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Faculty Senate; (3) noted the Martin Luther King ceremony on January 19th; (4) Committee Service forms will be mailed with the next Senate agenda inviting faculty service on Senate Committees and Administrative Committees; (5) observed that there have been concerns raised about the enormous amount of faculty time consumed by the registration process and requested that these concerns be directed to the Committee on Administrative Matters as They Affect the Faculty.

Professor Griffith said that item (6) was a very serious matter and he read the following statement:

A year and a half ago, in May 1985, the Faculty Senate, in accordance with its usual procedure, nominated me for a three-year term as the faculty representative to the Board of Trustees of the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area. I mentioned to the Senate in the fall, in connection with the report of University Librarian Sharon Rogers, certain difficulties I had encountered in obtaining information from the Executive Director of the Consortium with respect to the very important Consortium Library Project.

I now wish to report to the Faculty Senate two recent developments. I have just received the call of the semi-annual meeting of the Consortium Board of Trustees, to be held on February 3, 1987. I was alarmed to note that there was no agenda item on the Consortium Library Project, despite the fact that apparently somewhat controversial Terms of Agreement between the member institutions with respect to that Project have been under intensive consideration all fall, and may already have been signed.

I was even more shocked to learn that the Revised Bylaws of the Consortium proposed for consideration at that meeting appear to eliminate the positions of faculty trustees altogether. Since the addition of faculty trustees was accomplished in 1969, at the urging and in response to resolutions of the University Senates at American and George Washington University, I thought the faculty should be informed of what appears to be a backward step in eliciting faculty response to Consortium activities. Given the potential importance of Consortium cooperative activities in general, and of the Library Project in particular, to all of our educational enterprises, I consider this move quite unfortunate. I plan to seek the cooperation of chairs of faculty senates at Consortium universities in attempting to block the adoption of such new provisions.

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Under Brief Statements, Professor Tolchin, Chair of the Campus Committee, said she was happy to report that in the past six months, the Committee has raised \$817,880 from the faculty and staff for educational programs as part of the five-year Capital Campaign. She attributed this generous response to the hard work of the Committee and thanked the faculty and staff for its support. Professor Griffith noted that at the last Board meeting, Mr. Oliver Carr called the Trustees' attention to the extent of faculty and staff contributions to this Campaign.

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Upon motion made and seconded, the President adjourned the meeting at 3:33 p.m.



J. Matthew Gaglione
Secretary

REPORT TO THE FACULTY SENATE ON THE CURRENT DELIBERATIONS
OF THE COUNCIL ON COORDINATED PLANNING BY PROFESSOR TONY YEZER

The Council on Coordinated Planning (CCP) has been meeting regularly and has recently approved an outline for the development of a Long Range Planning Process (LRPP). The LRPP has a five-year planning cycle and the first planning period will begin in academic year 1988-89 and conclude with 1992-93. The function of the CCP is to elicit proposals from the academic and administrative divisions of the University and to make recommendations to the President.

In order to carry out its role in the LRPP, the CCP proposes to follow the following five-step procedure.

- 1) Develop mission statement for GWU
- 2) Develop planning assumptions and constraints on 1988-93 period
- 3) Develop university-wide objectives for 1988-93 period
- 4) Develop planning directives including data and a format for submission of five-year plans by academic and administrative divisions.

The CCP is responsible for identifying issues of significance to more than one division of the University which require further study.

- 5) Develop five year plans in the academic and administrative units.

The first four steps should be accomplished during the remainder of the current academic year or by the beginning of the next year so that advice of the Council of Deans, the Vice President, and the Faculty Senate can be solicited. The planning process in the academic and administrative units will take place during the 1987-88 academic year so that the CCP may review the results and make recommendations to the President for approval. Implementation will take place beginning in the 1988-89 academic year. This period will include matching progress with the planned rate of change.

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A REGULARLY UPDATED PUBLICATION
OF COMMITMENTS (86/5)

WHEREAS, a knowledge of the University's various services to the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area can help to clarify the relationship between the university and the community; and

WHEREAS, the 1985 publication, Commitments, served a useful purpose in documenting those services; and

WHEREAS, the documentation of The George Washington University's service to and interrelationship with the City of Washington and its environs needs to be maintained and updated periodically; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

- (1) That the University provide on a regular basis the funding and staff support for the documentation of the University's various services to the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area in the form of a publication similar to Commitments; and
- (2) That the publication be circulated within the University community and copies sent to key agencies and organizations in the public and private sectors in the Washington area.

Committee on University and Urban Affairs
November 24, 1986

Adopted January 16, 1987

A RESOLUTION REGARDING RETENTION OF GRADED EXAMS AND PAPERS
NOT RETURNED TO STUDENTS (86/6)

WHEREAS, students have a right to see exams and papers submitted at the end of the semester which have not been returned but which are included in their academic evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the Statement of Students Rights and Responsibilities, Section II.B., guarantees students protection against improper evaluation; NOW,
THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE
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That the following language be added to the
Faculty Handbook:

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RETURNED TO STUDENTS

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Students shall have access to ~~these~~ their examinations and papers during the retention period.

Measures shall be taken to protect confidentiality of such materials.

Committee on Educational and Admissions Policy
December 4, 1986

Adopted, as corrected, January 16, 1987

A RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND AMENDMENT OF THE FACULTY CODE
PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF TENURE (86/7)

WHEREAS, the Faculty Code presently provides that grounds for termination of faculty tenure include "lack of scholarly objectivity or integrity"; and

WHEREAS, scholarly objectivity, while highly desirable, inevitably eludes impartial assessment and evaluation; and

WHEREAS, this provision of the Faculty Code unreasonably risks the values of faculty tenure, including academic freedom; NOW, THEREFORE

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"b) lack of scholarly integrity;"

Committee on Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom
December 11, 1986

Recommitted, January 16, 1987, to PEAF Committee for reconsideration
at the March, 1987, Senate meeting.

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The Faculty Senate

January 5, 1987

The Faculty Senate will meet on Friday, January 16, 1987,
at 2:10 p.m. in Lisner Hall 603.

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 12, 1986
3. Resolutions:
 - (a) A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A REGULARLY UPDATED PUBLICATION OF COMMITMENTS (86/5), Professor Ruth A. Wallace, Chair, University and Urban Affairs Committee (Resolution 86/5 attached)
 - (b) A RESOLUTION REGARDING RETENTION OF GRADED EXAMS AND PAPERS NOT RETURNED TO STUDENTS (86/6); Professor Joseph B. Levy, Chair, Educational and Admissions Policy Committee (Resolution 86/6 attached)
 - (c) A RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND AMENDMENT OF THE FACULTY CODE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF TENURE (86/7); Professor Peter P. Hill, Chair, Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom Committee (Resolution 86/7 attached)
4. Introduction of Resolutions
5. Report by Professor Anthony M. Yezer from the Committee on Coordinated Planning
6. General Business:
 - (a) Nomination for election of eight faculty members and eight alternates to the Special Committee on Mandatory Retirement (86/4) adopted December 12, 1986
 - (b) Report of the Executive Committee: Professor William B. Griffith, Chair
7. Brief Statements
8. Adjournment



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